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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: ORI Status Report: February 1948

I. THE CIA INTELLIGENCE PLAN

In accordance with the provisions of DCI 4/1, this office is formulating specific national intelligence objectives on a priority basis. Interdepartmental collaboration will be sought upon consolidation of the ORI effort.

✓ II. INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

1. Current Intelligence.

In addition to the Daily and Weekly Summaries, one report of the CIA Series was produced. A list of the topics covered in the Weekly Summary is appended as Annex "A". Review of the list indicates that the Western European, Far East/Pacific, and Near East/Africa Branches carried the heaviest burden in the production of Current Intelligence for the Weekly Summary.

2. Basic Intelligence.

The final report on the NIS Program was completed by the ad hoc Committee on 20 February and submitted for approval. Arrangements are proceeding with three non-IAC agencies (Agriculture, Commerce and Interior) to produce specific sections of NIS Chapter VI (Economic). These agencies have indicated that they will probably need some financial support to carry out this program and are examining their commitments to the NIS Program in order to determine the amounts needed.

The Defense Project is virtually completed, requiring only final printing, assembling and dissemination. However, the small capacity of the reproduction plant, the concentration of the editorial staff on the Defense Project, and the failure of four key members of the former JISPB to qualify for CIA employment have hindered progress on the other basic intelligence studies.

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**3. Staff Intelligence.**

During February, five special estimates of the ORE Series were published. A list of the scheduled reports and estimates published or in process during February is appended as Annex "B". A number of unscheduled reports and estimates were also published or initiated during the month. A list of these reports and estimates is appended as Annex "C". The most noteworthy event in connection with the production of Staff Intelligence was the complete coordination with concurrence of ORE 7-48 (Possible Developments in Palestine) by all IAC agencies within twenty-four hours after completion of the draft. (For a discussion of the general situation with regard to the coordination of Staff Intelligence see paragraph V.2a below.)

**4. Intelligence Presentations.**

During February, one presentation, twenty interrogations, and seven briefings were conducted. The presentation and briefings were attended by fifty-three representatives of the Department of State, thirty-seven from the Navy, sixteen from the Army, and fifteen from the Air Force. A list of oral and graphic presentations, interrogations, and briefings is appended as Annex "D".

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